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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, NATO
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE MISSION

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF PO/77/61 PROMULGATED
ON 14 APRIL 1977 WHICH CONSIDERS SACLANT'S REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF STANAVFORLANT'S PRESENT SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS
AUTHORIZATION TO 30 APRIL 1977. THIS REQUEST IS CONSIDERED
UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE WITH TERMINATION AT 151500Z APR 77.
WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE EXTENSION AND RECOMMEND
CONCURRENCE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR
TO 151500Z APR 77.
BEGIN TEXT:

EXTENSION OF STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE MISSION

REFS: (A) PO/77/51
(B) OF(77)004
(C) OF(77)005

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE SEEN SACLANT'S
SIGNALS DTG 131806Z AND DTG 140010Z APRIL 1977, DISTRIBUTED
IN THE HEADQUARTERS UNDER REFERENCES (B) AND (C) ABOVE.

2. THESE SIGNALS, WHICH WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSMITTED
TO CAPITALS VIA THE NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, CONVEY
SACLANT'S INTENT TO EXTEND STANAVFORLANT'S SURVEILLANCE OPERATION,
APPROVED BY REFERENCE (A), TO COVER THE PERIOD 18TH TO 30TH
APRIL, 1977 INCLUSIVE. THE EXTENDED SURVEILLANCE MISSION WILL BE
CONDUCTED BY SAILING STANAVFORLANT IMMEDIATELY TO THE VICINITY

OF THE FAROES-NORWAY GAP.

3. AS A PREPARATORY STEP TO OPTIMIZE EMPLOYMENT OF STANAVFORLANT IN SURVEILLANCE ROLE, SACLANT WITH REFERENCE (C) DIRECTED CINCEASTLANT TO DIVERT THE FORCE ACCORDINGLY. THE SAME RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AT REFERENCE (A) APPLY.

4. SACLANT HAS STATED THAT THE LATEST NOTIFICATION TIME FOR THIS MISSION IS BY 1200Z ON 16TH APRIL, 1977.

5. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS OPERATION FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW. SACLANT'S PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WOULD BE SUPPORTED AND TH SAME PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY WOULD BE RECOMMENDED. THEREFORE I AM ASSUMING THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL INFORM ME OF THEIR AGREEMENT NO LATER THAN 1000Z ON 15TH APRIL. IF SUCH SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE, DELEGATIONS WILL BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.

6. UNLESS, THEREFORE, I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY FROM ANY DELEGATION BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1977, I SHALL TAKE IT THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED SACLANT'S INTENTION TO EXTEND STANAVFORLANT'S SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS AS STATED IN REFERENCES (B) AND (C) WITH THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND PASSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY.END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE
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